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EDITORIAL.

Boys and girls, vacation will now soon be here. What pleasure the very thought of it brings to our hearts, and with what joy do we await the final hour,

Graduation day is to many of us, one of the happiest days of our lives. With what care our sisters are preparing for the event. Their graduation dresses are now complete, the admiration and envy of all our friends.

And when the final day at last arrives, parents and friends are assembled in the large schoolroom. With what pride and admiration does the mother point toward her child and say, "That is my girl, doesn't she look pretty?" Or perhaps the father remarks, "Do you see that bright boy?" "He's my only son, the pride of my heart, God bless him. Yes friends the day will soon be passed, but you'll remember it all your lives as one of the happiest. Many of us will leave the city. Some will visit their cousins in the country, while others, will perhaps visit some of the famous summer resorts, while still others, less fortunate than we, will remain at home. The editors of the Echo, will also take a much needed rest. They will with this issue, close their editorial and press-rooms, and enjoy themselves during vacation, to their hearts content. The next issue will appear as near as possible to the opening day of school.

In conclusion we wish all our friends both young and old, a very happy time during the holidays and that when our school mates return, it will be with clearer heads and renewed energy and that they will start again with greater zeal in their duties at school.

THE EDITORS.

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HOW HARRY PAID THE MORTGAGE.

CHAPTER III

The morning dawned that was to be the most eventful day of Harry's life. Harry and Stella were on their way to the Midwinter Fair, when quite an old gentleman got on the car and took a seat by them. He looked at Harry for a long time and at last exclaimed. "Boy will you tell me your name?" Harry looked up in amazement and answered "Certainly, Harry Lydel." The old gentleman's face grew perfectly livid and he exclaimed involuntary "Thank God I have found my child at last after twelve years of misery." Stella looked at Harry in amazement and said: "Why Harry, what does the gentleman mean." "I mean" burst out Mr Lydell, "that after years of searching, God has restored my boy at last. He grasped Harry by the hand and while great tears stood in his eyes. A faint remembrance seemed to steal over Harry that in some way he had seen that face before and when the man claimed to be his father he was overjoyed.

Mr. Lydell happened to be going to the Fair so he said that both Harry and Stella should go with him and he would tell them his plans for the future. When they reached the Fair Harry gave his father a description of his life and of the kindness of as

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he said his foster mother. Mr. Lydell said that he would never forget such a great kindness and that she should never feel poverty while he had money. When Harry told in his story the reasons for coming to the city and how their great idea was to pay off the mortgage his father said that as soon as they reached downtown Harry should telegraph up to Mrs. Smith and say: "Mother we have got the money to pay off the mortgage." Harry was perfectly delighted that now he could make the woman he had loved as a mother so happy.

The day proved the happiest Harry and Stella ever spent, they visited nearly every concession and staid until the fireworks. Mr. Lydell said that he did not think he would like to board on Sixth Street with them but he thought they had better come and visit him at the Palace Hotel. The idea did not fill either of them with any sorrow. When they reached the hotel it was too late to telegraph and they had to defer it. After Harry had gone to bed he lay awake for hours making plans for the future. He decided to surprise Mrs. Smith by all of them going up in the morning and see that the mortgage was paid off and bring her down to see the Fair. So at breakfast next morning Harry broached the subject. Stella clapped her hands for joy and Mr. Lybell said that he would try and fix his business so that he could go up in the afternoon.

Harry asked his father if he was very fond of poetry and he said yes. Well there is quite a genius at our boarding house and I am very anxious to see him succeed. Harry gave a very vivid description of his works especially as he said his favorite was The Ode To A Pill.

Mr. Lydell laughed and said that Harry should take him to see this poet after they had returned from their journey. They took the cars in the afternoon and reached their old home in the morning. I will not stop to tell of Mrs. Smith's great rejoicing but the mortgage was paid and Mr. Lydell brought them down to live

in San Francisco.

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Ten months have passed and great changes have taken place. Mrs. Smith is no longer a widow but has become Mrs. Lydell. Harry and Stella are in a large public school, standing at the head of the class. Mr. Lydell true to his word has helped Mr. Basscome along and he has published a large series of nursery rhymes.

THE END

L. B.

Items of Interest.

Has Lived Over a Century.

The person who has the reputation of being the oldest living woman in Illinois, if not in the United States, is Mrs. Rebecca Ann Lichner of New May, Ill., who was born Dec. 18, 1776, and is thus over 117 years old. She is of Norwegian descent, was married in 1800, and of her eight children the youngest Samuel, now 81 years lives with his mother and works daily in the field.

Curious Relic of the War.

Walter French has a curious relic of the war. It is a watch with a bullet firmly imbedded in one side of the case. The watch belongs to Captain McGunnigle, who was a member of the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry Volunteers, and now lives at East Boston. In 1864 at the battle of Laurel Hill, during the battles of the Wilderness, Captain McGunnigle, was carrying the watch in his breast pocket, when he was struck by a bullet. The bullet could not penetrate the watch, and his life was saved.

When the watch was shown to O'Farrell of Virginia he became interested at once, and told how, during the war, he was carrying an old-fashioned daguerreotype of his sweetheart in his pocket, and

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a billet struck it and glanced off, saving his life. It was the picture of a Baltimore girl, but the end of the romance was out of the ordinary run. When the war ended and O'Farrel looked her up, he found her married to another man, and thus she lost the chance of becoming the wife of the Governor of Virginia.

AMATEUR PRESS NOTES.

On April 30, 1894, was held the first meeting of the Amateur Press Club of San Francisco, at our editorial rooms. The following papers were represented; The Fun, The Bee and The Echo.

Mr. Rene Faucompre, manager of The Bee, was elected President. Our Harold Manor was elected Vice President. Mr. Shelby Rucker, Ass't editor of the Bee, Secretary, and our correspondent Allen Bury, Sergeant at arms. The following members were present; Messrs. Carl and Herbert Shire of the Fun, Messrs. Faucompre, Bennet and Rucker of the Bee, and Messrs. Cellarius Leichter, Manor and Bury of the Echo. Any person desiring information upon the subject, can correspond with the President.

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The Bee a paper full of news
(And advertisements to)
Who reads is doth get cured of blues
And of fevers has but few.

The Fun next followed up in line
It's jokes are by many read
Some stale ones, you may sometimes find
(Although they do not like it said)

A little later then came out,
The Echo in full blast
It took the "First Prize" in the bout
And will keep it to the last.

The Liliputian it was said
Would take us all by storm
But when at last it showed its head
We found that that was wrong

For by their Uncle it was written
And he used tremendous words
Some boys with choking fits were smitten
When pronouncing them, we have heard

The Mascot did by chance up show
At school one summer's day
They charged ten cents a month you know
So few subscribers now have they.

Joh Lots

Smiles.

The small boy with the seat of his trousers torn is not a landlord but he frequently raises the rent by standing on his head.

Father — "I thought I told you to divide that apple with your little sister."

"Bobby — Well I wasn't going to have Willie Jones think we only had one apple in the house."

When the bill collector goes around. It is a sign that he wants to get square.

Weary Watkins — "Say, dey ain't no real heroes nowadays.

Hungry Higgins — "Dey isn't, eh? W'y, right herein de paper is a feller advertisin' dat he ain't afraid of work.

"So you proposed to Miss Jinglegilt?"

"Yes."

"And she refused you?"

"Yes."

"Perhaps it was a hasty answer."

"No. She took care that it shouldn't be. She sent it by a messenger boy."

Jones says the ocean is a living thing, and that it has intelligence. The idea of water having intelligence.

I don't know about that. I've seen the rain pouring over a book."

When a man is locked for up for being full, it seems proper that his friends should want to bail him out.

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